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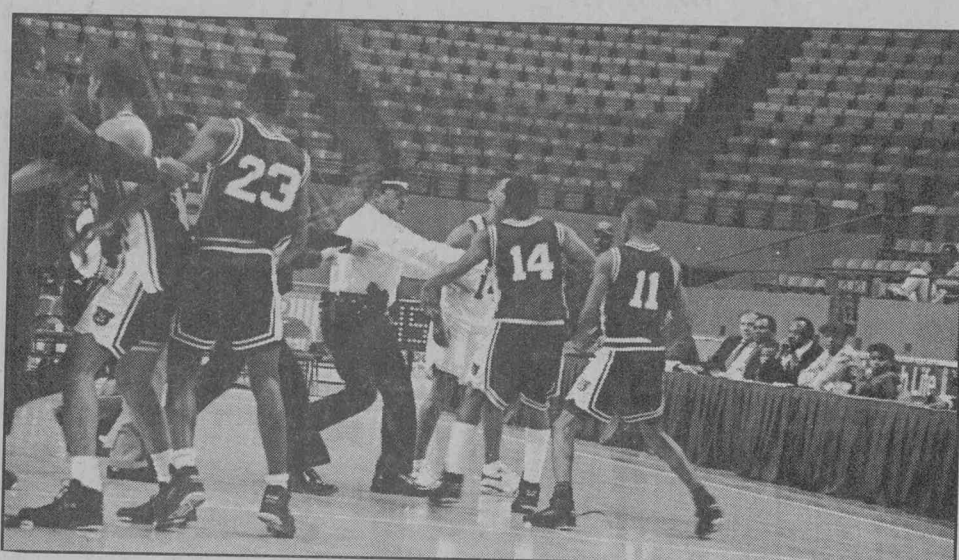
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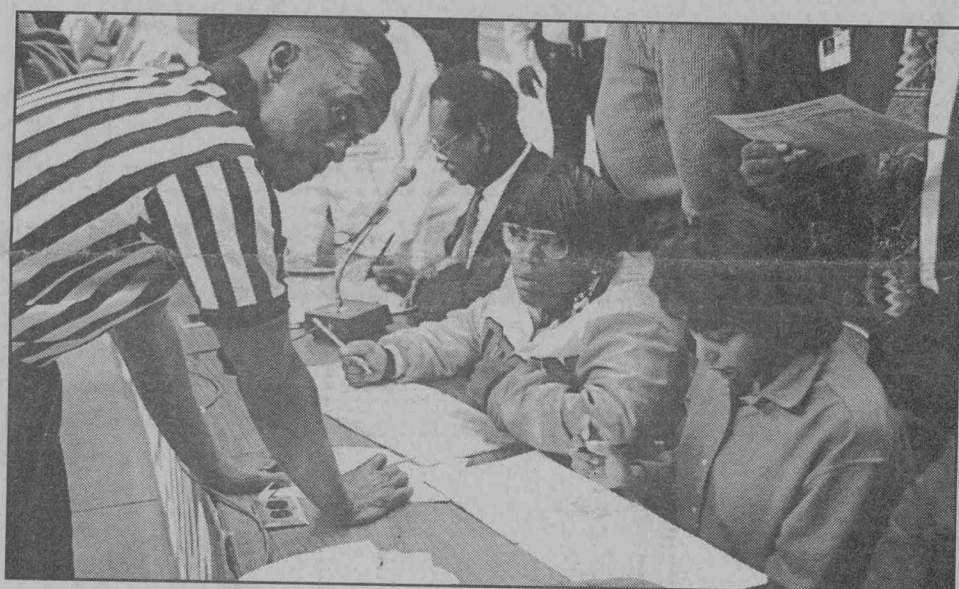
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## Decision made on MEAC suspended game



**Tempers flare:** Above, Security steps in as the action on the court gets out of hand. Below, Officials discuss the situation at the scorers table. Below right, Aggie players wait for the officials ruling on the game.



### From staff & wire reports

A plan to replay a basketball game between N.C. A&T and Morgan State that was suspended when a bench-clearing brawl left each team with only three eligible players was scuttled by Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) officials Wednesday, when they announced that the victory would be awarded to Morgan State.

The decision reversed an earlier ruling by MEAC Commissioner Kenneth Free that the game would be replayed at a neutral site, minus fans and media representatives. That announcement drew sharp protests from students at both schools and reporters.

MEAC representatives were mum about the reasoning behind the reversal. "We don't want to talk about it now," said a senior MEAC official who asked not to be identified. "We're over it and that's that."

Morgan State — which led the Jan. 11 game 35-31 when it was halted with less than two minutes left in the first half — had appealed to the MEAC's ruling committee to be awarded the victory, as was the case when a 1989 MEAC game between Morgan State and Howard University was disrupted by a similar melee.

An MEAC press release said, "After discussing the options set forth by the (MEAC) Appeals Committee, it was decided unanimously that the game should be declared finished at

the point it was suspended by the game officials. The team in the lead should be declared the winner by the score of the game when suspended."

The Appeals Committee — comprised of University of Maryland Eastern Shore President William Hytche, President of Bethune-Cookman College Oswald Bronson and MEAC President Henry Brooks — discussed Morgan's appeal via teleconference on Tuesday, and said that the decision was final.

While Morgan State Athletic Director Joe McIver said that he was pleased that MEAC officials followed the conference precedent set in previous years, A&T Athletic Director William Burden expressed his department's desire to leave the incident behind and focus on the rest of the season.

A&T Head Basketball Coach Don Corbett was unavailable for comment.

A statement released by MEAC Commissioner Kenneth Free said the appeals committee believed "this decision is in the best interest of the universities involved and the image at the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference."



## Marshall dies at 84; public viewing at Supreme Court

Washington (AP)—Thurgood Marshall's body was returned today to the Supreme Court building where he won his greatest victory as a civil rights lawyer and later became the nation's first black justice.

Marshall's flag-draped coffin was carried slowly into the court building's Great Hall to lie in state. Walking alongside were members of his family and the court's nine current justices and three retired members of the high court.

"The battle done, the victory won... the songs of triumph have begun, hallelujah," said the Rev. Kawsai Thornell, canon of the Washington Cathedral, who led the procession into the imposing court building on Capitol Hill.

The marble-columned Great Hall was opened to allow people to file past and view Marshall's coffin. The line stretched around the block on a cold, sunny winter day. The

building was to remain open for at least 10 hours.

Marshall, who died Sunday at age 84, became only the second Supreme Court justice to be honored by having his casket lie in state at the court. He retired from the court 18 months ago.

"I'm here because I owe him quite a bit," said Donald Adams, a black retired government worker who arrived at 6:45 a.m. to become the first person in line for the public viewing.

"My family owes him quite a bit, this country owes him quite a bit," Adams said of the man he had never met.

Print shop supervisor Arthur Williams of Washington said he had met Marshall several times, and admired him "for opening doors, for being an architect of the law."

"He was Mr. Integration to us," Williams said.

Erol Jean Francois, an immigrant from Haiti who now attends school in Miami, said, "We can see the impact that he has in our lives today." He called Marshall "a man of courage, a man of dignity and a man of strength."

Two Marines, one white and one black, came together to view Marshall's coffin.

Without Marshall's accomplishments, "he and I wouldn't be standing here next to each other today," said Capt. Eric Young, a judge advocate, gesturing toward Pfc.

Robert C. Achoe Jr., a legal clerk.

Marshall's coffin was brought up the Supreme Court's front steps and placed on the black-draped bier that once held the caskets of Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy and Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The current and retired members of the high court served as honorary pallbearers. Marshall's official court portrait, painted in 1990 by Simmie Knox, was displayed for the first time.

Warren, who died in 1974, was the only other court member to lie in state at the court building. Marshall had been scheduled to swear in Al Gore as vice president on Wednesday but was hospitalized. The duty went to Justice Byron White.

Marshall was active in judicial matters until a few months ago.

Last October, due to a viral infection, he canceled a trip to Baltimore to serve on a three-judge appellate panel that was hearing some 20 cases.

President Clinton said he was "deeply saddened" by Marshall's death.

"He was a giant in the quest for human rights and equal opportunity in the whole history of our country," Clinton said in a statement.

"Every American should be grateful for the contributions he made as an advocate and as a justice of the

United States Supreme Court."

"His victories went beyond those pertaining to race," said A. Leon Higginbotham, chief judge emeritus of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit.

"For if he had not won the Brown case, the door of equal opportunity would have been more tightly closed also to women, other minorities and the poor."

Lawrence Tribe, constitutional scholar and professor, Harvard Law School, called Marshall "the greatest lawyer in the 20th century."

Marshall was appointed to the court on June 13, 1967, by President Lyndon Johnson, climaxing a career as a civil rights lawyer, appeals court judge and U.S. solicitor general.

He quickly found a philosophical home with the court's liberal activists under then-Chief Justice Earl Warren. But the liberals were eventually outnumbered and remained a minority as the appointees of Presidents Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan gave the court an increasingly conservative cast.

A gregarious, quick-to-laugh man before he was named to the court, Marshall became considerably more solemn in public. His natural optimism displayed as the nation's most successful civil rights lawyer appeared to fade.

Among some of the more important decisions written by

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### Aggies reflect on Marshall

By B.J. Evans  
News Editor

As the nation mourns the passing of Thurgood Marshall; a man who took a stand on civil rights and a man who demanded change, we can always look back on the things that made him the epitome of justice.

Marshall, our nation's first African-American Supreme Court Justice died at the age of 84.

He set a standard for many to live by and without a pause the nation stood still for the man who changed the face of government till this day.

"What really hits home for me is that I didn't realize that he not only helped blacks but the human race as a whole," said Keith Spraggins, a senior communication major and aspiring lawyer.

As a lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored

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written by Marshall for the high court were those saying that shopping center owners' rights to restrict demonstrations were limited; that a teacher cannot be fired for speaking out truthfully on public issues; and that possessing obscene material within the privacy on one's own home cannot be made a crime.

By the early 1970s, he was more often in the minority. In 1974, he dissented from a ruling invalidating a plan for busing pupils across school district lines to achieve racial integration.

He called the ruling a "giant step backward" from the court's 1954 Brown decision striking down school segregation.

He was again in the minority in 1986 when the court voted 6-3 to permit Norfolk, Va., to end the crosstown busing of elementary school students to achieve racial segregation.

One of his sharpest dissents came in 1977 when the court ruled that states were under no legal obligation to pay for "non-therapeutic" abortions for women on welfare.

"I am appalled at the ethical bankruptcy of those who preach a right to life that means, under present social policies, a bare existence in utter misery for so many poor women and their children," he said.

In a 5-4 decision in 1972 which struck down capital punishment laws then on the books, Marshall was one of two justices who went all the way and declared that the death penalty was unconstitutional under any circumstances.

The court reinstated capital punishment 1976 and Marshall often spoke in opposition. In a 1984 speech at the New York University law school, he said the death penalty was being imposed with "startling unfairness."

Marshall, the great-grandson of a slave, was born July 2, 1908, in Baltimore, the son of William and Norma Marshall. He grew up in comfortable but not affluent circumstances. His father was a headwaiter in private clubs. His mother was a schoolteacher.

"My father," he said, "never told me to become a lawyer. But he turned me into one by teaching me to argue, to prove every statement I made, and by challenging my logic at every point."

A penchant for playful misbehavior in grade school was responsible for introducing the young Marshall to the Constitution. He was forced to memorize a portion of the document each time he was disciplined.

"Before I left that school, I knew the whole thing by heart," Marshall once said.

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People, Marshall argued and won the landmark Brown vs The Board of Education desegregation case before the court in 1954.

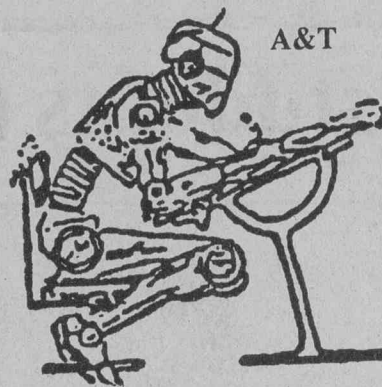
"Thurgood Marshall is a example of hard working perseverance and something for us to look up to and strive for," says history club spokesman Eric Short.

"He took a stand for something he believed in, and we have to have courage enough to take a stand ourselves and respect it, whether we believe in it or not."

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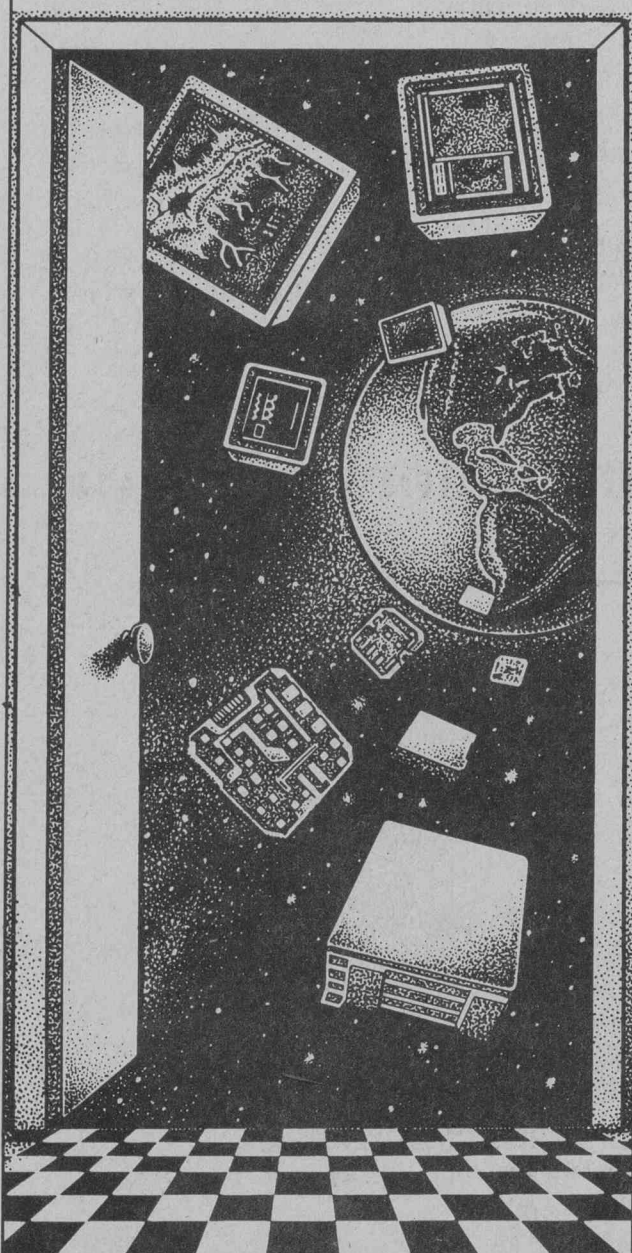
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# CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

## Chavis encourages students to stand up

By Kim Mayhew  
Reporter

"I believe the USA needs Dr. King's dream in 1993 more than we needed it 30 years ago when he first made his speech in 1963," the Rev. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. said at a press conference at the A&T student union last week.

Chavis, executive director of the Commission for Racial Justice of United Church of Christ, said, "We (black Americans) have made some progress, but we still have a long way to go."

"(Just) because the 'white only' signs have been taken down does not mean racism does not exist," he noted.

A native of Oxford, NC, Chavis holds a bachelor of science in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a



**Food for mind and body:** Rev. Benjamin Chavis Jr. (right) enjoys lunch after a press conference held in the Student Union.

masters of divinity degree from Duke University and the doctor of ministry degree from Howard University.

Chavis is a member of the famed "Wilmington Ten," a ten-person organization that supported school

desegregation in the Wilmington area in the 1960's. As a result of his involvement with the Wilmington Ten, Chavis spent 4 1/2 years in prison.

In 1978, Amnesty International cited the

Wilmington Ten as the first official case of political prisoners in the USA. A 30-year veteran of the civil rights movement, Chavis worked with Martin Luther King, Jr. from 1965 until King's assassination in April 1968.

"One reason I'm here at A&T is to recruit students," Chavis said. "I want the students at A&T to join the civil rights leaders to become freedom fighters themselves."

He said in addition to students, faculty and members of the community were needed to help revive the civil rights movement.

Chavis was a member of President Bill Clinton's and Vice-president Al Gore's transition team, but turned down a request to join Clinton's administration because, he observed, "You can't be a prophet in the king's court."

## Band marches for Governor

The A&T State University Marching Band, directed by Dr. Johnny Hodge, assisted by Ellard Forrester, was selected as the Honor Band for Gov. James Hunt's Inaugural Parade on January 9, 1993.

"I am just elated with our selection for this outstanding formal parade," said Hodge. "It speaks well for the band and for the University."

Hodge said the A&T Marching Band consists of 136 musicians from across the University. "Only about 10 percent of them are music majors," he said. "In fact, most of them are engineering and business majors."

The high-stepping band has won a number of honors in recent years and has appeared in some of the nation's most outstanding parades.

Last year, the band was declared the best all-around group in the Battle of Bands in the invitational Bronze Classic in Atlanta's Fulton County Stadium. In 1991, Sports Illustrated magazine listed the band as one of the nation's top college marching bands.

"This is our world-class marching band which represents this University and the State extremely well," said Dr. Edward B. Fort, A&T chancellor. "These talented musicians, as directed by Dr. Johnny Hodge and Mr. Ellard Forrester, can hold their own with the best of the college bands."

This is just another manifestation of the outstanding teaching and learning which goes on at this historic University."

## Sears' layoffs affect Aggies

By Kim Mayhew  
Reporter

The closing of the Sears Catalogue Merchandise Center on Lawndale Drive in Greensboro is an effort to pump life into the flagging retail giant by paring costs, and thereby stimulate the retail business in general in the city, claim company officials.

But, said Leon Warren, assistant vice-chancellor for Career Services, "taking 1,100 people out of the workforce will not stimulate Greensboro's economy," because those people will be out looking for new jobs in the workforce.

North Carolina A&T State University as a whole will also be affected, he said. "A number of A&T students were employed by the (Sears) center in order to pay their way through school," he

noted. "By those students losing their jobs, they will have to withdraw from school, therefore causing A&T's enrollment to drop."

Sears is not the only company making cutbacks in order to enhance business, Warren warned students, but advised them to keep their eyes open for other opportunities. "For every company closing, there is one opening," he said.

Warren declined to speculate on whether Greensboro's economy will pick up during the upcoming year, but said that "they (Greensboro) have to build in more things to stimulate the economy."

He said he believed that if the area's textile industry revived again, "we (Greensboro) will be in power."

Chicago (AP) - Struggling Sears, Roebuck and Co. announced today it will eliminate about 50,000 full- and part-time jobs, close more than 100 stores and discontinue its "big" catalog. In a statement, Sears said it is eliminating 16,000 full-time jobs and 34,000 part-time ones.

All the changes, approved by the Sears board Saturday, should be completed by early 1994, the Chicago-based company said.

A major part of the cutback will be discontinuation of Sears' traditional catalog business. The spring 1993 catalog will be its last and orders from it will be accepted until the end of the year. Sears produced its first general merchandise catalog, which came to be known as the "big book," in

1896.

"This was a very difficult decision because the catalog is our heritage. It's how Sears started," said Arthur C. Martinez, Sears Merchandise Group chairman and chief executive officer. He said, though, that the U.S. catalog had after-tax losses ranging from \$135 million to \$175 million in each of the past three years.

"We have concluded that we cannot improve our market position or achieve an acceptable return on investment fast enough or with sufficient certainty to justify remaining in the business," he added.

Sears still plans to circulate smaller specialty and promotional catalogs in 1993.

Sears said it would close 113 retail stores, most

small to medium-sized.

Closing dates will vary and were not immediately announced, although the company indicated some stores would be identified later today.

Sears operates more than 850 stores, including more than 400 of the small and medium-size stores. Sears also plans to offer early retirement incentives to about 4,000 salaried corporate and merchandise group employees over age 50 who have at least 20 years service with the company.

Sears has eliminated more than 48,000 jobs in its retailing division since 1990 in an effort to regain market share and ensure the unit's profitability. The Sears chain slid from No. 1 to No. 3 among U.S. general merchandisers, behind No. 1

Wal-Mart and No. 2 Kmart, in 1991.

In October, Sears reported an \$833.7 million third-quarter loss, its first quarterly loss since 1933.

The company blamed the results on enormous insurance claims for hurricane damage and a costly auto-repair scandal. When completed, the restructuring is expected to improve net income by about \$300 million annually and improve cash flow, Sears said.

The company will take a \$1.7 billion after-tax charge in the fourth quarter of 1992 for the restructuring.

Sears also said it would try to make salaries more competitive, but did not say what that meant.

## Sears and Roebuck announces big cutbacks

## ROTC offers scholarships

The Air Force is awarding ROTC Scholarships under two programs this year to increase the number of highly qualified Air Force officers, especially from Historically Black Institutions, that are commissioned through Air Force ROTC.

One scholarship program, entitled Express Scholarship Program pays full tuition (in or out of state), a textbook allowance each semester, lab and incidental fees, and \$100.00 tax-free each academic month.

The Express Scholarship is designated specifically for students enrolled full-time at Historically Black Institution in any academic major, and targeted majors (math, nursing, computer science, meteorology) at other universities.

To be eligible, students must have a 2.65

term and cumulative GPA for the two and three year scholarships, no "D" or "F" grades in the last completed term, obtain established Air Force Officer Qualifying test (AFOQT) scores, have at least two years college remaining, and meet general scholarship and entry requirements.

The second scholarship program, Professional Officer Course Incentive Scholarship Program, is designed to encourage cadets to continue with ROTC. Regardless of academic major, every junior and senior AFROTC cadet presently enrolled in the Professional Officer Course (POC) can now receive a \$2,000 annual incentive scholarship.

To be eligible cadets must be full-time students and enrolled into the POC the last two years of the Air Force ROTC program.

Cadets must also meet military retention standards and cannot be older than 25 as June 30 in the year of commissioning.

There are thirty-two students currently enjoying the benefits of Air Force ROTC scholarships at North Carolina A&T, UNC at Greensboro and High Point University. This year our goal is to double the number of scholarship recipients in the Greensboro area.

The AFOQT is administered each month in Campbell Hall, Room 119, beginning at 9:00 a.m. There is no cost and no obligation. The test dates for February are Saturday, 6th February and Tuesday, 16 February 1993.

Students interested in more information should call at 334-7707 or 334-7741 or stop by Campbell Hall, Room 119

## Memorial program honors McNair

By Kim Mayhew  
Reporter

"We have a level of ignorance about who we are, what we are, and how do we relate to each other," a NASA administrator said Thursday morning at a commemorative memorial program honoring the late Ronald E. McNair, an astronaut and N.C. A&T alumnus.

Daniel Goldin told the audience gathered in the R.E. McNair Auditorium that "we have a level of ignorance about what our shared vision is for the future, not just for our lives today but the lives of our children, their children and their children's children." The debt that society is building must be paid because we steal from our children to live in the present," he added.

Americans have forgotten about the future because they have become so introspective about the



**We'll never forget:** McNair's legacy continues to be honored at A&T.

present, Goldin said.

Goldin noted that "it would be great if all the people of the world could go to Mars together, and instead of planting different flags from each country, just plant one."

"Just think of the possibilities," he noted. The scientific strength to go to Mars begins at institutions like A&T, he said.

Cheryl McNair, widow of Ronald McNair, said at the memorial that if her husband were alive today, he would urge students to keep on trying to succeed in their goals, regardless of the obstacles.

"Even though the road gets rough, this should be an incentive to work harder," she said.



# STATE & NATIONAL

## Morehouse names president of school of medicine

Atlanta, GA

-- Dr. Louis W. Sullivan, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, has been named President of the Morehouse School of Medicine.

In making the announcement, James B. Hayes, Chairman of the Morehouse Board of Trustees, and Publisher of FORTUNE magazine said: "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the faculty, and students of Morehouse, we are delighted that our friend, Dr. Sullivan, will be returning as President to the school he founded in 1975.

Dr. Sullivan served our country with great distinction as Secretary of HHS, developing a program for reform of the nation's health care system to provide all Americans with access to affordable health care.

We are very fortunate that Dr. Sullivan will help

lead the Morehouse School of Medicine its unique mission to train African-American doctors dedicated to providing the highest quality health care to our nation's underserved in rural areas and nationwide.

We know Dr. Sullivan will also guide the Morehouse School of Medicine's efforts to enhance its commitments to the communities it serves.

"We appreciate the excellent job Dr. Nelson McGhee did as interim president during the transition period, and we are very pleased that he will continue as a senior member of the Morehouse staff, working closely with Dr. Sullivan."

Dr. Sullivan graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse college in 1954. Among his numerous awards and honorary degrees, Dr. Sullivan received the Benny

Award from Morehouse for Outstanding Achievement in 1989.

Dr. Sullivan said: "I am very proud and deeply gratified that the Morehouse Board of Trustees has asked me to head our nation's first predominantly African-American medical education institution established in this century. As our nation strives to offer adequate health care to its most vulnerable citizens, the Morehouse School of Medicine will educate and train students to provide more accessible, humane health care for America's 35 million economically disadvantaged citizens.

The Morehouse School of Medicine is more than a medical education program; it's a partnership between the trustees, faculty, and students to serve those communities most in need of medical care. It is a proud tradition and one on which

we will build."

The Morehouse School of Medicine seeks to educate physicians of conscience who will graduate from medical school and are uniquely sensitive to the health-care needs of the underserved and the poor. It attracts students who come from those communities. Students gain their medical education at Morehouse and then return those communities to practice.

The Morehouse School of Medicine began as a two-year institution, with its students transferring to other institutions to complete their education. Morehouse is now an independent, accredited four-year medical school, and in 1985 graduated its first full four-year class of MDs.

## Information on A.M. frequency

Raleigh-- Visitors to North Carolina can now turn to the AM frequency and hear messages important to North Carolina highway safety.

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles, with a grant from the Governor's Highway Safety Program, has setup an AM transmitter network that can be heard at the eight locations where interstate highways enter the state.

The systems signal, which has a broadcast distance of six to eight miles, provides information concerning automobiles and commercial vehicles, such as seat belt laws, drinking and driving, speed limits and work zone information. Motorists can tune to 530 AM to hear these messages.

The system also allows DMV to replace the standard message with emergency messages such as weather conditions, accidents and road construction that may delay travel.

"We're very excited about this informational

system," said Robert

F. Hodges, DMV commissioner. "We feel it is important to provide as much highway safety information as possible to our visitors," Hodges said.

"Not only will this system help visitors entering the state, it also gives information to the citizens of North Carolina that may make their travels less complicated," he said.

## "Gag rule" revoked on abortion

Raleigh (AP) - New Human Resources Secretary Robin Britt notified county health departments Friday that they once again can discuss abortion with pregnant clients.

Gov. Jim Hunt, who met Friday with about a dozen representatives of Planned Parenthood, asked Britt to revoke the "gag rule" on the 20th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision that made abortion legal.

The state directive was imposed last year after President Bush ordered abortion discussion terminated at any family planning clinics receiving federal funds. President Clinton lifted that order Friday.

"The governor believes the women of North Carolina deserve a full discussion of their options, including abortion," spokeswoman Rachel Perry

said after the meeting.

Joyce Fitzpatrick, chairman of Planned Parenthood of the Capitol and Coast, said her group presented Hunt with five recommendations. The list included adding more money to the state abortion fund for poor women.

The abortion fund in the last decade has been cut in half to under \$500,000. The fund has regularly been depleted before the end of

the fiscal year since the cuts began.

Deborah Seeley of Planned Parenthood said the fund needs to be increased to cover all eligible women and the amount paid to doctors should be increased. The fund now pays doctors \$150 to perform an abortion, the same amount the fund when it was established in 1977.

But she could not say how much it should be increased.

## Police officers found guilty of abuse

Charlotte (AP) - Two Gastonia police officers were sentenced to prison Friday for their role in the abuse of homeless people who were beaten and doused with cooking oil, coffee and urine.

Four other officers were sentenced to lesser terms by U.S. District Judge Robert Potter.

Former Gastonia police officer Steve Phillips got the longest sentence. Phillips, who was convicted by a jury last month, got a term of three years and two months in prison, two years probation and a \$1,000 fine.

"I might have been convicted by the jury but I'm not convicted by my Lord," he told the judge. "I ask for you to have mercy on me."

Phillips has denied abusing the street people and appealed his conviction.

David McKinney, one of four officers who pleaded guilty in the case, was sentenced to two years in prison, followed by three years' probation. Potter also

ordered him to undergo psychological counseling and perform 300 hours of community service to be served at a homeless shelter.

"I'm sorry for what I did. I knew better and I was brought up better," he told Potter. "My parents taught me to treat people the way that I want to be treated. I stepped out of bounds and I'm sorry."

Potter did not order either of the former police officers to immediately begin serving his sentence.

During the trial last month, federal prosecutors said members of the police department's Eagle Team - a shift patrol - would call the assaults "a ride on Space Mountain." The assaults occurred while the police officers were on duty.

Street people began complaining publicly about police harassment in October 1990, when Norman Ben Hannah said officers threw lukewarm cooking oil on him as he slept beneath a bridge. Two months later, Hannah was found shot to death and officials ruled it a suicide.

Kyle Shepard, who like Phillips went to trial on the charges against him, was sentenced to four months in a work-release program in Gaston County, along with six months house arrest and

a year of probation.

Shepard also was ordered to do 200 hours of community service work at a homeless shelter.

Stacey Trull was placed under house arrest for six months, followed by one year of supervised probation, 200 hours of community service and a \$1,000 fine.

Randy Ramsey was sentenced to five months to served in a work-release facility in Gaston County, followed by five months under house arrest. He also was placed on three years' probation and fined \$3,000.

Allen Wright was sentenced to six months of house arrest, three years of probation and fined \$3,000.

McKinney, Wright, Ramsey and Trull all pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the abuse. One officer, Mark Gibby, was acquitted.

The FBI began looking into the allegations in February 1991, following an internal police investigation.

During the trial, Phillips was identified as the officer who began abuse in 1987 by slapping intoxicated men on the elevator at a

former detoxification center.

According to testimony by McKinney and others, he played a key role in continuing the abuse after Phillips left the department.

McKinney was a training officer, a patrolman who helped rookies adjust to their new jobs. Under McKinney, part of their training was abusing street people, according to testimony by current and former officers.

The cover-up lasted until October 1990, when Hannah filed a complaint and took out a warrant against McKinney and former officer Andy Bass.

After an internal affairs investigation, Bass quit and McKinney and Trull were fired. Officers Gibby

and Jeff Dobbins were suspended without pay,

reportedly for knowing about the incident and not telling.

In February 1991, McKinney pleaded no contest in state court of assaulting Hannah. He received a 30-day suspended sentence and was ordered to perform 50 hours of community service working to help street people.

## IRS sends packages

Will the Internal Revenue Service be sending you a tax package this year?

"If you were one of the 3 million taxpayers in North Carolina who filed a federal income tax return last year, then you can expect to receive a tax package from the IRS within a few days," said J.R. Starkey, district director of the Internal Revenue Service.

"For those North Carolina taxpayers who do not receive a tax package, forms and instruction booklets are available in all IRS offices throughout the state."

The IRS expects that more taxpayers will be able to file a shorter form again this year.

The Form 1040A can again be used to file pension or annuity income, IRA distributions, taxable social security benefits or estimated tax payments, rather than having to use the longer Form 1040.

These changes have impacted greatly on the number of taxpayers being able to use the shorter Form 1040.

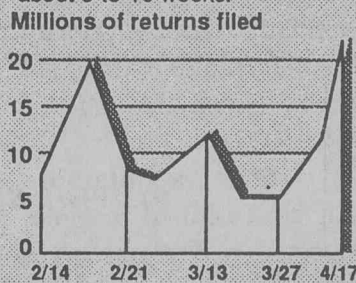
Taxpayers who choose to file their income tax return electronically can expect to receive their refund

much faster than if they mail their tax return to the IRS.

Taxpayers can have their refund deposited to their checking account, savings account, or mailed to their home if they file electronically.

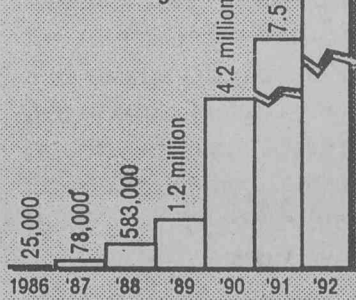
### Filing trends for last year's tax forms

Early filers beat the last minute rush and can expect a refund in 4-to-6 weeks, returns filed late in the season are processed in about 8-to-10 weeks.



### Number of electronic filers grows

Fast refunds - usually in 2-to-3 weeks - have spurred growth of electronic filing





# Clinton reverses limits on abortion as foes march

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton on Friday lifted restrictions his Republican predecessors had imposed on abortion, declaring, "We must free science and medicine from the grasp of politics."

An estimated 75,000 opponents marched through the capital on the 20th anniversary of legalized abortion.

Abortions should be "safe and legal but rare," said Clinton.

Organizers of the annual anti-abortion march from the White House to the Supreme Court tried to use Clinton's action to rally their troops.

About 75,000 marchers turned out, according to Capitol Police, but many seemed resigned to living with a new administration unfriendly to their cause.

"I don't believe we're going to accomplish anything legislatively," said marcher C. Roy McMillan, head of the memorandums to:

- Allow abortion counseling at federally supported clinics.

- Permit research using fetal tissue from abortions.

- Allow abortions at military hospitals and funding for overseas population control programs.

Clinton also pledged to review a ban against importation of RU-486 is safe and the ban should be lifted.

That's a determination the Food and Drug Administration has to make."

The new president said the restrictions he was lifting had interfered with both the progress of medical science and with the ability of doctors to care for their patients.

"The American people deserve the best medical treatment in the world. We're committed to providing them with nothing less," he said. "Our vision should be of an America where abortion is safe and legal but rare."

White House spokesman George Stephanopoulos said Clinton "wants to make sure that the federal government sticks with Roe vs. Wade," the Supreme Court decision 20 years ago Friday that legalized abortion.

Just before Clinton signed the memorandums, there was a minor scuffle near the Supreme Court as marchers protesting that decision clashed briefly with abortion-rights counter-demonstrators. A trio of police motorcycles and one police cruiser, all with sirens wailing, pushed their way through the crowd and herded the abortion-rights demonstrators back to the sidewalk.

The march resumed without incident a few moments later.

"The press and the

media think we're going to just get tired and go home, but we didn't get tired 20 years ago and we're not tired now," march coordinator Nellie Gray told the crowd of demonstrators assembled on the Ellipse behind the White House before the march started.

"We took some tremendous hits last year, no doubt about it," Pat Buchanan said. "And things don't look good. But we must keep fighting."

The anti-abortion demonstration began at mid-morning with a prayer vigil outside the White House.

"Please God, give him the courage to do what is right," Operation Rescue director Randall Terry prayed, accompanied by about 300 other abortion foes.

Terry said of Clinton: "Freedom of Choice?" above a photograph of a fetus. On a muddy slop beneath the Washington Monument, protesters placed hundreds of small wooden crosses.

"He respects their views but he disagrees. He feels that these are decisions that must be left to women in their private lives," Stephanopoulos said.

"It's been such a long, difficult road the last 12 years to try and protect this freedom," said Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League.

## Procedure corrects nearsightedness

Mark T. Shapiro, M.D. is now performing a new procedure called radial keratotomy to correct nearsightedness (myopia) and astigmatism. Dr. Shapiro recently attended a symposium with approximately 150 other ophthalmologists (eye surgeons) and shared these techniques and successes that radial keratotomy has to offer patients.

Dr. Shapiro explained, "Radial keratotomy is a procedure which was developed to help myopic and astigmatic people. The procedure we

are doing here at Shapiro Eye Care affects approximately 25% of the people in America.

"This procedure allows the surgeon to sculpt or redesign the curvature of the eye by making several small incisions in the cornea.

"After radial keratotomy, glasses may not be necessary or may only be needed for specific instances. This procedure may also benefit patients who are unable to wear contact lenses. Radial keratotomy is done at Shapiro Eye Care and does not require a general anesthesia."

Dr. Shapiro states,

"The typical patient that may benefit from this procedure is the 20 to 60-year-old who prefers not wearing glasses or contact lenses. Our goal is to try to correct our patients'

vision as close to 20/20 as possible. However, not every patient can be corrected to 20/20 vision, but greater than 95% of the patients should have 20/40 or better vision without glasses.

Each person must undergo a complete and thorough examination by their eye doctor before radial keratotomy may be performed.

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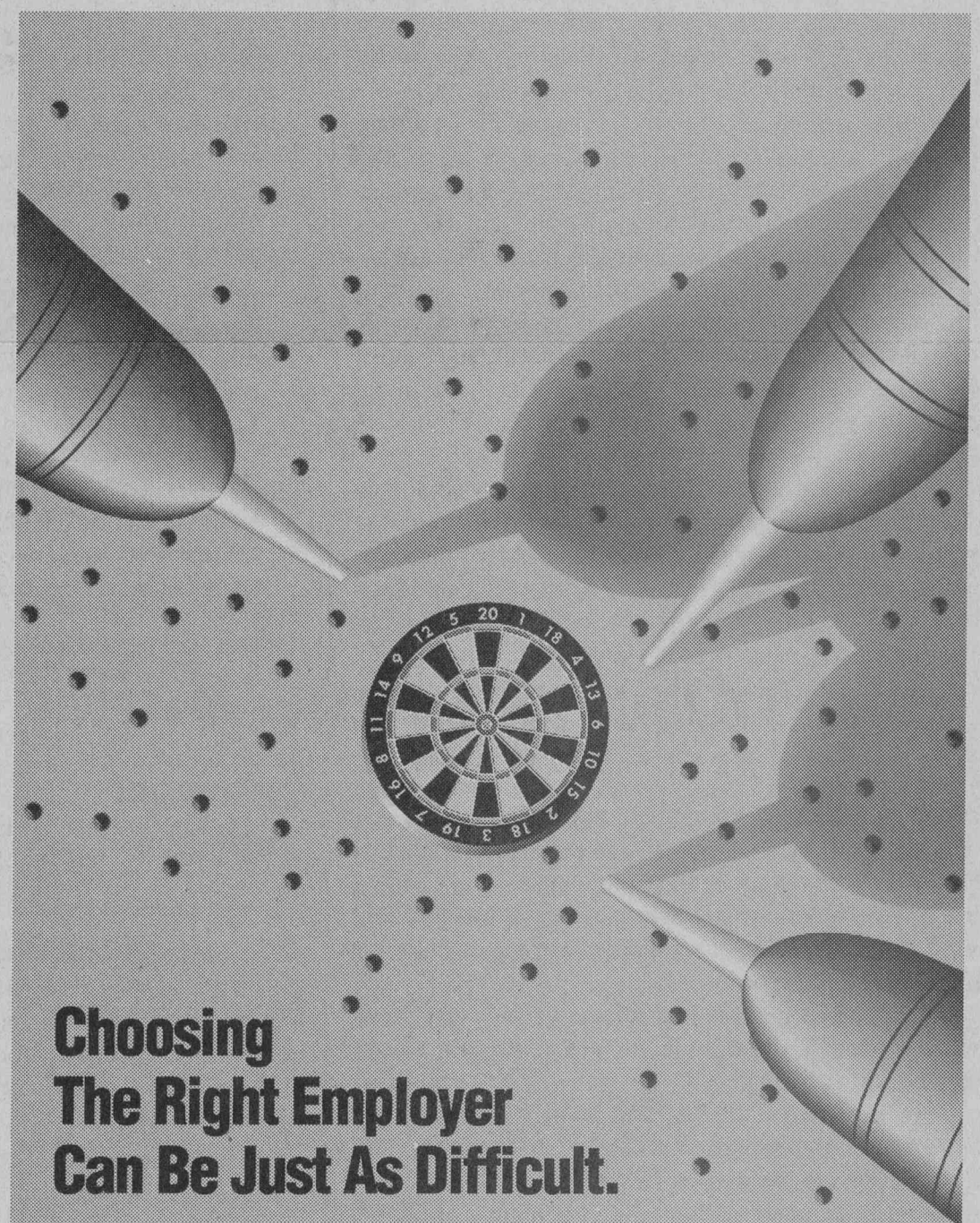
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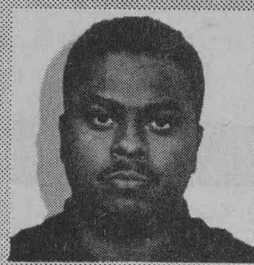
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# OPINION



**Greg M. Williams**  
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## I have a right to be hostile

I recently had an intense conversation with two white females that attend UNCG. The conversation centered around race and the stereotypes that either strengthen or handicaps it. In the middle of the conversation, one of the females asked why black people are so mad. She said she was not around back in slavery days and feels that she is hated just because she is white. I had to pause, to keep from raising my voice. Once I gained my composure I explained why some black people, or at least why I am so mad, and why that anger is sometimes like a raging fire.

I began by telling her that slavery was only the tip of the iceberg. I told her I was mad because when I look at my family tree I only see a few generations. I have no idea where I come from. I know my parents are from North Carolina, but where were my earlier ancestors from beyond the western boundaries? Where am I originally from? This void makes me angry.

I told her I was mad because once slaves were supposedly free, it took hundreds of years to acknowledge our existence as humans. And in 1993 I wonder if the white mentalities have really abandoned the historic views.

I told her that everyday I see my father who has been hardened by a blatantly racist South and covertly racist North. Though time has a way of healing wounds, there are certain abrasions that are not healable. I feel his lingering pain.

One of the females argued that they were not there and they should not have to be the ones to pay. I told her that I was not there either, but I pay everyday because I wake up as a black male, the traditional stepping stool of history.

Also, being an Aggie, I was asked by every white person that knew my name if I got in the fight against Morgan State. The Chancellor said the fight lasted about six seconds, but yet we received national coverage. This also makes me mad.

It might seem contradictory that a story about the incident is on the front page of this paper, and it almost is a contradiction. The staff had many debates about this story. The logic behind the story is that we learn to be journalists at The Register. If it is news, and the decision on the game is news, then we are supposed to cover it; objectively.

The conflict comes in because the stigmatism is that black people do not know how to act and our printing of the story seemingly reinforces this. I argued that A&T already

has a reputation for fighting because of the infamous A&T vs. N.C. Central Brawl, which was repeatedly shown on CNN, ESPN, and every news station in the country and we already have had enough negative publicity since area stations hyped up the recent altercation and tried to blow the situation out of proportion.

But just when you think it is safe to pick up a paper, here it is looking you right in the face. It is almost like stabbing myself in the back.

We toiled with the issue until we decided that this (Greensboro, A&T, The Register) is our learning ground, and if we plan to become professional journalists than we have to be able to write about things that are close to our hearts, even if the news is unfavorable.

The philosophy behind the whole concept makes me angry also. The concept is that in order to survive in the "real world" we often have to step on our own people. The solution to that problem is to get our own businesses, and redefine the term "real world." To survive in this new "real world", we can not step on each other but we have to reach down and help the next man up.

If anyone is offended by the story, I apologize. Apologizing makes me angry also. But all of the anger that I feel, I am learning to harness into a usable source of energy. I guess as long as I am angry, I will have the incentive to strive for improvement of my life, and the lives around me. The only way my anger will diminish is if racism diminishes; I guess I will be angry until I die.

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## Maya Angelou's Inaugural Poem

A rock, A river, A Tree  
Hosts to species long since departed,  
Marked the mastodon.  
The dinosaur, who left dry tokens  
Of their sojourn here  
On our planet floor,  
Any broad alarm of their hastening doom  
Is lost in the gloom of dust and ages.

But today, the Rock cries out to us, clearly, forcefully,  
Come, you may stand upon my  
Back and face your distant destiny,  
But seek no haven in my shadow.  
I will give you no hiding place down here.

You, created only a little lower than  
The angels, have crouched too long in  
The bruising darkness,  
Have lain too long  
Face down in ignorance.  
Your mouths spilling words  
Armed for slaughter.  
The Rock cries out to us today, you may stand upon me,  
But do not hide your face.

Across the wall of the world,  
A River sings a beautiful song,  
It says, come, rest here by my side.

Each of you a bordered country,  
Delicate and strangely make, proud,  
Your armed struggles for profit  
Have left collars of waste upon  
My shore, currents of debris upon my breast.  
Yetm today I call you to my riverside,  
If you will study war no more. Come,  
Clad in peace and I will sing the songs  
The Creator gave to me when I and the  
Tree and the rock were one.  
Before cynicism was a bloody sear across your  
Brow and when you yet knew you still  
Knew nothing.  
The River sang and sings on.

There is a true yearning to respond to  
The singing River and the wise Rock.  
So say the Asian, the Hispanic, the Jew  
The African, the Native American, the Sioux,  
The Catholic, the Muslim, the French, the Greek  
The Irish, the Rabbi, the Priest, the Sheikh,  
The Gay, the Straight, the Preacher,  
The privileged, the homeless, the Teacher.  
They all hear

The spreading of the Tree.

They hear the first and last of every Tree  
Speaks to humankind today. Come to me, here beside the  
River.  
Plant yourself beside the River.

Each of you, descendant of some passed  
On traveller, has been paid for.  
You, who gave me my first name, you  
Pawnee, Apache, Seneca, you  
Cherokee Nation, who rested with me, then  
Forced on bloody feet, left me to the employment of  
Other seekers-desperate for gain,  
Starving for gold.  
You, the Turk, the Arab, the Swede, the German, the Eskimo, the Scot...  
You the Ashanti, the Yoruba, the Kru, bought  
Sold, stolen, arriving on a nightmare  
Praying for a dream.  
Here, root yourselves beside me.  
I am that Tree planted by the River,  
Which will not be moved.  
I, the Rock, I the River, I the Tree  
I am yours-your Passages have been paid.  
Lift up your faces, you have a piercing need  
For this bright morning dawning for you.  
History, despite its wrenching pain,  
Cannot be unlived, and if faced  
With courage, need not be lived again.

Lift up your eyes upon  
This day breaking for you.  
Give birth again  
To the dream.

Women, children, men,  
Take it into the palms of your hands.  
Mold it into shape of your most  
Private need. Sculpt into  
The image of your most public self.  
Lift up your hearts  
Each new hour holds news chances  
For new beginnings.  
Do not be wedded forever  
To fear, yoked eternally  
To brutishness.

The horizon leans forward,  
Offering you space to place new steps of change.  
Here, on the pulse of this fine day  
You may have the courage  
To look up and out and upon me, the

Rock, the River, the Tree, your country.  
No less to Midas than the menicant.  
No less to you now than the mastodon then.

Here on the pulse of this new day  
You may have the grace to lool up and out  
And into your sister's eyes and into  
Your brother's face, your country  
And say simply  
Very simply  
With Hope  
Good morning.

*It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it." Anonymous*

As students at North Carolina A&T State University, we all know of friends that came in with us as freshmen, but now aren't here. We also are familiar with the "Super-Senior" syndrome. That's where students come in, but they don't get out. Looking back over all the classes, tests,

and teachers, we find that often the students get lost in the stress involved in just surviving.

What does it take to succeed in college? What does it take to succeed in life? This weekly column will get to know the pulse of North Carolina A&T; the students. We all will learn life lessons from our own peers who are striving to improve the quality of their lives through education. We will feel the pain of the disappointments. We will feel

the zeal of the achievements. We will get to know each other better so that we can all come together.

This column will serve as the voice for the average Aggie. We will learn from each other on what it takes to succeed in college and life. Hopefully we will come to a better understanding of others and ourselves through our honest interaction with each other. Once we have a better understanding of ourselves, we

then can progress towards

improving who we are and deciding where we want to go. This column is called "REALITY", because that is what life is all about.

PEACE,

ERIC SHORT

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